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1. WE SEE MERIT IN A NATO DECLARATION FOR THE ALLIANCE'S
30TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT SPRING. BASED ON THE CONVERSATION AT
THE JUNE 27 PERMREPS LUNCH (REFTEL), OTHERS (BUT NOT ALL)
DO AS WELL. WE HAVE DIFFICULTY, HOWEVER, WITH LUNS' SUG-
GESTION THAT DRAFTING BEGIN IN POLADS. WE ALSO SEE NO PAR-
TICULAR REASON TO BEGIN NOW ON A DECLARATION WHICH WOULD
BE COMPLETED IN APRIL, 1979, BUT WE DO SEE REASONS FOR
GETTING EARLY AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO DEVELOP A DECLARA-
TION.

2. IN OUR VIEW, WORK ON A DECLARATION MIGHT BEST BEGIN IN
JANUARY WITH THE HOPE (POSSIBLY OPTIMISTIC) OF COMPLETING
WORK WELL BEFORE THE MINISTERIAL IN THE HAGUE. WE BELIEVE
THAT DRAFTING MIGHT BEST BE DONE AT THE SENIOR POLITICAL
COMMITTEE LEVEL. IT IS THE SPC WHICH HAS DRAFTED SUCH
DOCUMENTS IN THE PAST, AND IT IS THAT BODY WHICH WILL HAVE
TO UNDERTAKE THE DRAFTING OF ANY COMMUNIQUE WHICH MIGHT
CONCURRENTLY RESULT FROM THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING.
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3. INITIALLY, WE ARE INCLINED TO JOIN THOSE WHO QUESTION
THE IDEA OF A "THEME" FOR THE 30TH AND BELIEVE OUR FOCUS
SHOULD BE ON THE DECLARATION AND SEVERAL OTHER ELEMENTS
WHICH WE WILL BE CONSIDERING IN A SEPTEL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE IN TIME

FOR THE JULY 4 PERMREPS LUNCHEON. GLITMAN

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